



## Budget slash leaves Harper \$460,000 short for 1971-72; tuition hike, cutbacks hinted

Governor Ogilvie's action in reducing community college appropriations by the General Assembly has put Harper College in a fiscal dilemma.

The Governor's announced cut in state aid from \$730 million down to \$673 million for state colleges, universities, and community colleges in Illinois has presented Harper with the problem of either making eleventh hour budget cuts or obtaining temporary relief from a tax referendum.

In a letter from Dr. Robert E. Lahti, president of Harper College, to State Representatives David Regner (R-Mount Prospect), Eugene Schlickman (R-Arlington Heights), and Eugenia Chapman (D-Arlington Heights), and to State Senator John Graham (R-Barrington), Dr. Lahti cited that "the difference between increasing state aid to the \$19.00 level and keeping it at the current level of \$15.50 per credit hour amounts to \$460,000 for 1971-72. With annual budgets running from \$7 to 8 million, this represents a major loss to the college."

Dr. Lahti noted that the loss was especially hard to take since a commitment was made in the 1964 Illinois Master Plan for Higher Education that the state's share for financing operations of junior colleges should be approximately 50 per cent. Maintaining support at the \$15.50 level would reduce state aid from its current 35 per cent share to about 30 per cent.

As a result, the college is faced with several undesirable alternatives. One possibility is that the college might hike tuition from \$10.00 per semester hour to a maximum of \$14.50 per semester hour. Harper already ranks in the top 20 per cent of Illinois community colleges in terms of its tuition rate.

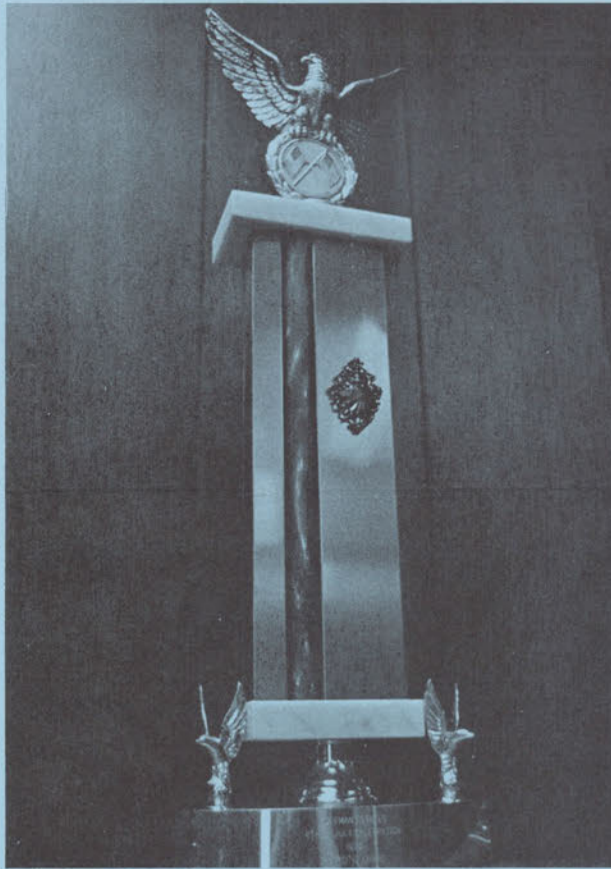
Another option would be to implement widespread cutbacks in educational programs and services. The problem here is that it would be difficult to cut programs this close to the fall semester. Also, faculty members have signed contracts for the 1971-72 school year.

Most likely the college will have to ask for passage of a public referendum to increase local tax support. Currently, according to William Mann, vice president of business affairs at Harper, only 2-1/2 cents of the real estate tax dollar goes to the college, while local elementary and high school districts get 75 cents.

State Representative Eugenia Chapman, who was the chief sponsor in 1965 of the Public Junior College Act creating the statewide community college system, stated that "If this action of the Governor is allowed to stand, local property owners will be faced with the possibility of higher taxes and students with higher tuition."

Mrs. Chapman expressed concern regarding statements made by a member of the Governor's staff that community colleges were told that there would be no increase in state funding this year.

Mrs. Chapman said, "This is not so! Legislation introduced by the administration called for an increase to \$17.50 per semester hour (note: the amount on which Harper based its 1971-72 budget), but was turned down by the House in favor of the \$19.00 rate."



First place trophy awarded to Harper for float entered in Hoffman Estates annual Fourth of July parade.

## Student float awarded first prize trophy

Students from Harper College built a prize-winning float for the local Independence Day parades.

The float was awarded a first prize in the Hoffman Estates parade and was also in the Wheeling, Mount Prospect, Palatine, and Prospect Heights parades.

The theme of the float was "Freedom Through Education," and the object was to make people aware of their community college.

The building of the float was organized by the Harper student senate.

"Both Houses unanimously voted in favor of the \$19.00 level of state support," she added.

In order to override Governor Ogilvie's veto, the bill will have to receive a vote of three-fifths of the members elected to both houses of the General Assembly.

## Harper College HAPPENINGS

This edition of Harper HAPPENINGS has been prepared by the editorial staff of the student newspaper, HARBINGER.

The HARBINGER will be published weekly effective with the opening of the college year on September 13, 1971. There is no summer issue. The new student editor is sophomore Randy Von Liski from Des Plaines.

## Long Range Planning Committee studies curriculum, grading, admissions policies

The Long Range Planning Committee, charged by the Office of the President in October, 1970 with the responsibility of developing long range plans for Harper College, is considering innovations in grading, curriculum, service, and admissions policies (along with determining new direction for expansion and financing).

The committee held open hearings on June 2 and June 15 to obtain input from students, faculty, and administrators.

Committee members are now in the process of researching and evaluating the proposals and by August will be ready to submit a proposed course of action, along with a timetable for implementation, to the board of trustees for approval.

The major concern of the hearing was with the present five-level (A, B, C, D, F) grading system. One of the proposals was a "pass-fail" option for electives. This would be incorporated into the present system and would be available in non-major and minor courses.

The student senate endorsed an A-B-C/audit system with a "pass-audit" option for electives. A grade of "audit" in this system would not be considered in a student's grade point average. A grade of "audit" would only show on a student's record that he had been registered for that class.

Another proposal that was made at the open hearings was to end the fall semester before Christmas. This would mean starting school the first week of September. Under this plan, the student could either take a vacation or one class during January. The objections to the present system center on the fact that it chops the fall semester into several disjointed segments.

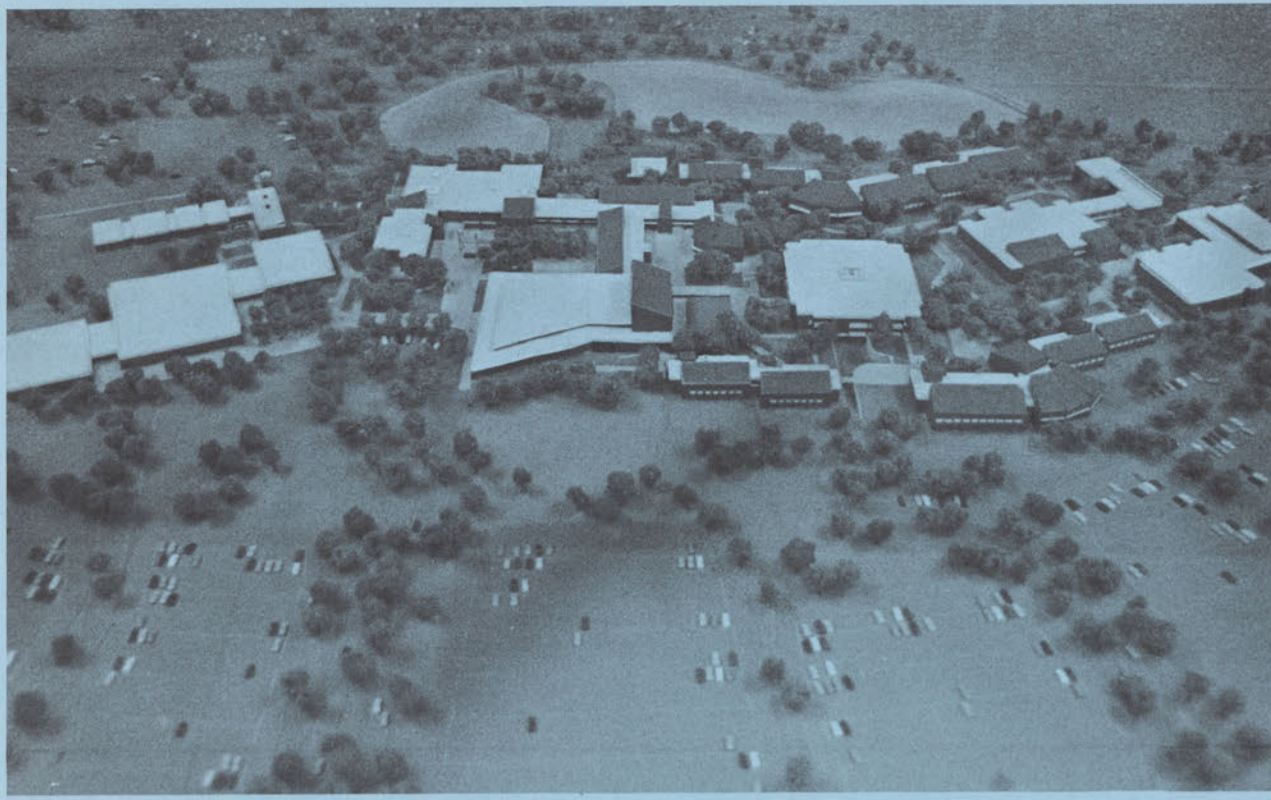
Other suggested innovations include forgiveness for failed courses, advance placement and proficiency credit, and a change in the final exam policy.

Under a forgiveness policy, a student who takes a failed (D or F grade) course over again has his first attempt dropped from his record. With an advance placement and proficiency credit policy, a qualified student can obtain credit for courses in which he can pass the proficiency exam.

The student senate supported these changes and also suggested changing the final exam policy. Final exams are required now, and the student senate suggested making final exams optional for the instructors, A and B students, or for all students.

Long Range Planning Committee members are considering these and other proposals at a week-long workshop at the end of July.

Members of the Long Range Planning Committee are chairman Dr. John Lucas, director of planning and development at Harper; student senate president Cary Annen; John Birkholz, dean of transfer programs; Larry Collister, chairman of the mathematics and physical sciences division; Dr. Guerin Fischer, dean of guidance; Ray Hylander and William Nelson, counselors; John Muchmore, associate professor of speech; Henry Roepken, associate professor of journalism; and Miss Betty Windham, assistant professor of physics.



Model of Harper College campus as it will appear when completed. Phase two construction scheduled to begin within the next two years.

### Board approves six new buildings for Harper College campus

The plans for six new buildings to be built on the Harper College campus have been authorized by the board of trustees.

The plans call for the construction of buildings which will include a new physical education facility, a little theater, an auditorium, vocational-technical buildings, and general classroom facilities.

The board of trustees authorized the plans at their July 8 meeting; however, college officials don't expect state funds for community college construction to be given to Harper for at least another year. (Any community college desiring a release of funds for construction must present its design and development drawings to the state.)

Caudill Rowlett Scott are the architects who will be handling this second phase of campus construction. The firm of Fitch, LaRocca, Carrington and Jones was also involved with the latter firm in the design of the first phase (Harper's current campus).

A model of the proposed completed campus is currently on display in the admissions office in building A (college center building).

### Harper vs. Algonquin Road: Construction plans may force the closing of Algonquin entrance to campus next winter

Efforts are under way by Harper College officials to keep Algonquin Road open this winter during the planned widening of the road to four lanes.

The Illinois Division of Highways is planning on closing the Harper campus exit to Algonquin while this construction, scheduled to begin in January and completed by July, 1972, is under way.

William Mann, Harper's vice president of business affairs, asked the board of trustees to communicate with the state highway department after fruitless discussions with state officials. The board is planning to appeal to local legislators to represent the college's interests with the highway department.

Board member Richard Johnson cited the fact that 45 acres of parking lots empty onto Algonquin and Roselle, and closing Algonquin would put a strain on the only other campus exit, Roselle Road.

The highway department is planning on completing the section from Route 53 to Plum Grove Road first, but Mann is hoping to convince the department to start from Roselle Road first. But he added that they are indicating they will still close the road.

Legislators who are being sent letters by Harper's board include State Senator John Graham (R-Barrington) and State Representatives David Regner (R-Mount Prospect), Eugene Schlickman (R-Arlington Heights), and Eugenia Chapman (D-Arlington Heights).

### WORTHY OF NOTE

Dr. Guerin A. Fischer, dean of guidance at Harper College, has been elected to a three-year term as president of the board of directors of Clearbrook Center for the Handicapped in Rolling Meadows.

Clearbrook Center serves 500 students with their facilities in Rolling Meadows, Des Plaines, and Elk Grove Village. Mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed students are served at the Rolling Meadows and Des Plaines centers. The Elk Grove Village location serves as a vocational rehabilitation center.

C. Patrick Lewis, assistant professor of history, has been promoted to chairman of the social sciences division at Harper.

Lewis replaces Larry King, who resigned the administrative post to return to full-time teaching at Harper.

### Tennis courts now open for public use

Harper's ten new tennis courts are now available for use by the public, according to director of athletics John Gelch.

Admission is \$1.00 for two hours of playing time. The fee is used to pay the salary of the court overseer.

Harper students, faculty, and staff are admitted free upon presentation of their ID cards.

Reservations for use of the courts may be made by calling 359-4200 and asking for "tennis court reservations."

The courts will be open to the public until October 29. Three time schedules are designated:

From now until August 6, courts will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Fridays through Sundays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

From August 7 to September 12, courts will be open every day, including Sundays, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

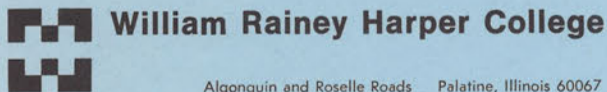
From September 13 through October 29, hours will be 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

"Because the tennis courts are constructed of Lakold (a special resilient surface)," Gelch said, "Players are required to wear smooth soled tennis shoes."

The courts are subject to being reserved for college use.

### HELP WANTED:

Person needed to read textbooks to blind student. Paid position. Contact Dr. Guerin Fischer at 359-4200, extension 246, or visit room A-347 in the college center building.



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